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For: METHODS FOR  
ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE  
CONTRACTION WITHIN THE SPINE

Examiner: Lee S. Cohen

Art Unit: 3739

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW  
FINALITY OF THE OFFICE ACTION  
AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004, for which a response is due June 8, 2004. Thus, this response is timely filed.